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Claims

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method comprising:

5 determining a first cost associated with a logical network link between an
6 active node and a first neighboring node of the active node within an overlay
7 network;

8 determining a second cost associated with a proposed logical network link
9 between the first neighboring node and a second neighboring node of the active
10 node within the overlay network; and

11 reorganizing the overlay network to replace the logical network link with
12 the proposed logical network link in the overlay network with a reorganization
13 probability based on the first and second costs and the degrees of the nodes.

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15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the reorganization probability is
16 dependent upon a change in an energy function caused by replacing the logical
17 network link with the proposed logical network link in the overlay network.

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19 3. The method of claim 1 wherein determining the first cost comprises:
20 measuring a round trip delay time between the active node and the first
21 neighboring node of the active node within the overlay network.

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23 4. The method of claim 1 wherein determining the second cost comprises:
24 triggering a measurement of a round trip delay time between the first and
25 second neighboring nodes of the active node within the overlay network.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein determining the first cost comprises:
2 determining an available bandwidth in the logical network link between the
3 active node and the first neighboring node of the active node within the overlay
4 network.

5 6. The method of claim 1 wherein determining the second cost comprises:
6 determining available bandwidth in the proposed logical network link
7 between the first and second neighboring nodes of the active node within the
8 overlay network.

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10 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
11 randomly selecting the first neighboring node of the active node from a
12 local address list of the active node.

13 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the overlay network is an unstructured
14 overlay network.

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16 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
17 restricting a subset of neighboring nodes of the active node from
18 reorganization.

1 10. A computer program product encoding a computer program for
2 executing on a computer system a computer process, the computer process
3 comprising:

4 determining a first cost associated with a logical network link between an
5 active node and a first neighboring node of the active node within an overlay
6 network;

7 determining a second cost associated with a proposed logical network link
8 between the first neighboring node and a second neighboring node of the active
9 node within the overlay network; and

10 reorganizing the overlay network to replace the logical network link with
11 the proposed logical network link in the overlay network with a reorganization
12 probability based on the first and second costs and the degrees of the nodes.

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14 11. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein the reorganization
15 probability is dependent upon a change in an energy function caused by replacing
16 the logical network link with the proposed logical network link in the overlay
17 network.

18 12. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein determining the
19 first cost comprises:

20 measuring a round trip delay time between the active node and the first
21 neighboring node of the active node within the overlay network.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein determining the
2 second cost comprises:

3 triggering a measurement of a round trip delay time between the first and
4 second neighboring nodes of the active node within the overlay network.

5 14. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein determining the
6 first cost comprises:

7 determining an available bandwidth in the logical network link between the
8 active node and the first neighboring node of the active node within the overlay
9 network.

10 15. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein determining the
11 second cost comprises:

12 determining available bandwidth in the proposed logical network link
13 between the first and second neighboring nodes of the active node within the
14 overlay network.

16 16. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein the computer
17 process further comprises:

18 randomly selecting the first neighboring node of the active node from a
19 local address list of the active node.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein the overlay network
2 is an unstructured overlay network.

3 18. The computer program product of claim 10 wherein the computer
4 process further comprises:

5 restricting a subset of neighboring nodes of the active node from
6 reorganization.

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1 19. A system comprising:

2 a cost computing module determining a first cost associated with a logical
3 network link between a active node and a first neighboring node of the active node
4 within an overlay network and determining a second cost associated with a
5 proposed logical network link between the first neighboring node and a second
6 neighboring node of the active node within the overlay network; and

7 a reorganization module reorganizing the overlay network to replace the
8 logical network link with the proposed logical network link in the overlay network
9 with a reorganization probability based on the first and second costs and the
10 degrees of the nodes.

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12 20. The system of claim 19 wherein the reorganization probability is
13 dependent upon a change in an energy function caused by replacing the logical
14 network link with the proposed logical network link in the overlay network.

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16 21. The system of claim 19 wherein the first cost includes a round trip delay
17 time between the active node and the first neighboring node of the active node
18 within the overlay network.

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20 22. The system of claim 19 wherein the second cost includes a round trip
21 delay time between the first and second neighboring nodes of the active node
22 within the overlay network.

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24 23. The system of claim 19 wherein the first cost includes available
25 bandwidth in the logical network link between the active node and the first
 neighboring node of the active node within the overlay network.

1 24. The system of claim 19 wherein the second cost includes available
2 bandwidth in the proposed logical network link between the first and second
3 neighboring nodes of the active node within the overlay network.

4 25. The system of claim 19 further comprising:
5 a neighborhood node selector randomly selecting the first neighboring node
6 of the active node from a local address list of the active node.

7 26. The system of claim 19 wherein the overlay network is an unstructured
8 overlay network.

10 27. The system of claim 19 wherein the first and second neighboring nodes
11 of the active node are selected from a neighbor list maintained by the active node.

13 28. The system of claim 19 wherein the first and second neighboring nodes
14 of the active node are selected from a neighbor list and further comprising:

15 an isolated neighbor list restricting a subset of neighbor nodes of the active
16 node from reorganization.